(a) whether it is a fact that the facilities for handling salt and sulphur at Haldia Dock are inadequate;

(b) whether the conveyor system has been out of order for the last three years,;

(c) if so, what has been financial loss to the Haldia Dock; and

(d) what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRl RAJESH PILOT); (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Conveyor System was dismantled in 1985 and one side of the jetty on which the conveyor system was installed was given on licence to the ONGC. This arrangement has not resulted in any loss to Haldia Dock Complex.

170. | Transferred to *the* 29th *July,* . 1988.]

Unsatisfactory performance Of voluntary agencies for functional literacy and adult education

171. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DE-VELOPMENT be pleased to state: ,

(a) whether it is a fact that performance of some voluntary agencies, engaged in spreading of functional literacy and adult education, has not been satisfactory in 1987-88;

(b) whether evaluation teams comprising representatives of the Centre/ State Governments, have given reports, regarding their failures;

(c) what are the details thereof; and

(d) what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCA-TION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SARI : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The evaluation teams have generally found that large number of project officials were untrained/not properly trained, the training programmes have been found to be in-effective, teaching/learning material were not of. uniformly good standard, and that there is insufficient lighting arrangements at the centres, laxity in supervision inadequate monitoring of the working of voluntary Agencieg by the District level functionaries, poor maintenance of records.

(d) on the basis of the reports of Joint Evaluation Teams, regional workshops are being organised to guide the B & C category agencies to remove the deficiencies found in their performance. It has also been decided that rigorous standards will be applied in initial selection of voluntary agencies. In the revised scheme, one Supervisor has been envisaged for 8—10 centres instead of 30 centres earlier. The programmes implemented by the Voluntary Agencies will be evaluated by certain specified Institutes of Social Sciences & Research. In addition, both Central Government and State Governments will continue to evaluate the performance of these agencies as and when considered necessary. Quantum of assistance for training purposes has been liberalised in .the Revised Scheme.

Allotment of refreshment stalls at Delhi/New Delhi Railway Stations

172.. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the criterion for allotment of refreshment stalls at Railway stations;

(b) whether it is a fact that a number of refreshment stalls have been given to a single party at Delhi/ New Delhi Railway stations;

(c) what are the reasons therefor; . and

(d) what is the number of parties which have been allotted more than one stall at different major Railway stations in the country?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Allotment of catering/vending contracts is done by the Zonal Railways by inviting applications through press notifications and/or notices displayed at Railway Stations. Applications so received are scrutinised by a Screening Committee and based on their recommendations, the contract is awarded to the most suitable candidates on merits.

(b) and (c) To meet the requirements of passengers, Himachal Pradesh Horticultural Produce Marketing & Processing Corporation Ltd., a Government Undertaking, has been permitted to set up 2 stalls each at Delhi and New Delhi Railway stations.

(d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Students applying for admission in Delhi University and its colleges

173. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of students who applied for admission in various colleges and University in Delhi in this year;

(b) the total number of students who could not get admission;

(c) whether Government have formulated any policy to get the students admitted in various colleges of Delhi; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (b) According to the provisions of relevant University Ordinances, all those who have passed Senior Secondary Certificate Examinations (Class XII) of the CBSE, New Delhi or an examination recognised at equivalent thereto with 40 per cent or above marks are eligible for admission to undergraduate courses in colleges as regular students, subject to the minimum age limit of 17 years.

As students apply for admission to more than one course and in more than one college simultaneously and the process of admission is still on, the number of students who'have,ap-' plied for admission and the number of students who have not been able to obtain admission cannot be precisely indicated. However, the University has indicated that it should be in a position to absorb all the eligible candidates in the current academic year.

(c) and (d) The University has been taking steps to meet the growing demand for admissions by gradually increasing its intake capacity every year. The Delhi Administration has established three new colleges last year. The University has approved in principle proposals to open two new colleges viz. College of Applied Sciences for Women, Shahdara of Delhi Administration and College of Aeronautical Studies of Air Force Officers' Welfare Society.

Deaths due to Gastro-enterities and Cholera in Delhi

174. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI;

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state: